

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing an incoming call on a cell phone, comprising:

receiving notification of an ~~incoming~~ of the incoming call on a personal data processing device external to the cell phone, the personal data processing device coupled to the cell phone via a connection;

retrieving caller identification (ID) and information in addition to a caller ID associated with the incoming call, wherein the caller ID and the information are retrieved from a plurality of sources;

examining one or more of predefined preferences of a user of the cell phone, a calendar of the user indicating availability of the user, and real-time instructions from the user, wherein examining includes determining whether a configuration is set such that a response is automatically sent to the incoming call; and

managing the incoming call according to the one of the predefined preferences and the real-time instructions, wherein the one of the predefined preferences and the real time instructions includes at least one of forwarding the incoming call, requesting a sender of the incoming call to send an instant message, and responding to the incoming call with a voicemail message, wherein the responding to the incoming call is adjusted according to one or more of the predefined preferences, the calendar, and the real-time instructions.
2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein retrieving the information associated with the incoming call further comprises at least one of:

retrieving the information from the cell phone;

- retrieving the information from the data processing device; and
- retrieving the information form a source coupled to the data processing device.
3. (Cancelled)
 4. (Cancelled)
 5. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1 wherein responding to the incoming call with the voicemail message further comprises selecting one of a plurality of voicemail messages as the appropriate response.
 6. (Cancelled)
 7. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the signal is an Attention Command (“AT”) signal.
 8. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a machine-accessible medium ~~having stored thereon~~ comprising instructions that when executed ~~by a machine~~, cause ~~the a~~ machine to manage an incoming call on a cell phone coupled to the machine by:

receiving notification of the incoming call on the machine, the machine including

a personal data processing device external to the cell phone and coupled to the cell phone via a connection;

retrieving caller identification (ID) and information in addition to a caller ID associated with the incoming call, wherein the caller ID and the information are retrieved from a plurality of sources;

examining one or more of predefined preferences of a user of the cell phone, a calendar of the user indicating availability of the user, and real-time instructions from the user, wherein examining includes determining whether a configuration is set such that a response is automatically sent to the incoming call; and

managing the incoming call according to the one of the predefined preferences and the real-time instructions, wherein the one of the predefined preferences and the real time instructions includes at least one of forwarding the incoming call, requesting a sender of the incoming call to send an instant message, and responding to the incoming call with a voicemail message, wherein the responding to the incoming call is adjusted according to one or more of the predefined preferences, the calendar, and the real-time instructions.

9. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 8 wherein the ~~instructions, when executed by the machine, instructions when further executed, further~~ cause the machine to retrieve the information associated with the incoming call by performing at least one of:
retrieving the information from the cell phone;
retrieving the information from the data processing device; and
retrieving the information from a source coupled to the data processing device.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently Amended) The article according to Claim 8 wherein the ~~instructions, when executed by the machine, further instructions when further executed, cause~~ the machine to enable selection of one of a plurality of voicemail messages as the appropriate response.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Previously Presented) The article according to Claim 8 wherein the signal is an Attention Command ("AT") signal.

15. (Currently Amended) A personal data processing device coupled to a cell phone via a connection, the personal data processing device comprising:
- a receiving module external to the cell phone capable of receiving notification of the incoming call;
 - a processing module external to the cell phone capable of retrieving caller identification (ID) and information in addition to a caller ID associated with the incoming call, wherein the caller ID and the information are retrieved from a plurality of sources, the processing module additionally examining one or more of the predefined preferences of a user of the cell phone, a calendar of the user indicating availability of the user, and real-time instructions from the user, wherein examining includes determining whether a configuration is set such that a response is automatically sent to the incoming call; and
 - a response module external to the cell phone capable of managing the incoming call according to the one of the predefined preferences and the real-time instructions, wherein the one of the predefined preferences and the real time instructions includes at least one of forwarding the incoming call, requesting a sender of the incoming call to send an instant message, and responding to the incoming call with a voicemail message, wherein the responding to the incoming call is adjusted according to one or more of the predefined preferences, the calendar, and the real-time instructions.
16. (Original) The data processing device according to Claim 15 wherein the processing module retrieves the information associated with the incoming call from at least one of the cell phone, the data processing device and a source couple to the data processing device.

17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Previously Presented) The data processing device according to Claim 15 wherein the response module enables the user to respond to the incoming call with the voicemail message by selecting one of a plurality of voicemail messages as the appropriate response.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Previously Presented) The data processing device according to Claim 15 wherein the signal is an Attention Command (“AT”) signal.
22. (Currently Amended) A system for managing an incoming call on a cell phone, comprising;
a personal data processing device external to the cell phone, the personal data processing device coupled to the cell phone via a connection and capable of receiving notification of the incoming call ; and
an application coupled to the data processing device, the application capable of retrieving caller identification (ID) and information in addition to a caller ID associated with the incoming call, wherein the caller ID and the information are retrieved from a plurality of sources, the application further capable of examining one or more of predefined preferences of a user of the cell phone and real-time instructions from the user, a calendar of the user indicating availability of the user, wherein examining includes determining whether a configuration is set such that a response is automatically sent to the incoming call, and managing the incoming call according to the one of the predefined preferences and the real-time instructions, wherein the one of the predefined preferences and the real

time instructions includes at least one of forwarding the incoming call, requesting a sender of the incoming call to send an instant message, and responding to the incoming call with a voicemail message, wherein the responding to the incoming call is adjusted according to one or more of the predefined preferences, the calendar, and the real-time instructions.

23. (Original) The system according to Claim 22 wherein the application is capable of retrieving the information associated with the incoming call from at least one of the cell phone, a source on the data processing device and a source coupled to the data processing device.
24. (Cancelled)
25. (Cancelled)
26. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 22 wherein the application is further capable of responding to the incoming call with the voicemail message by selecting one of a plurality of voicemail messages as the appropriate response.
27. (Cancelled)
28. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 22 wherein the signal is an Attention Command ("AT") signal.